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Next Meetings: 16th November, 15th December 2009 at 7.30 pm at the Agricultural Society Hall, Toodyay Road, Gidgegannup. These Meetings are open to all members of the community.

Council Elections: Darryl Trease has been elected as the second Councillor for the Swan Valley/Gidgegannup ward with 778 votes. Second was Gidgegannup candidate, Paul Carroll, with 551, followed by Colin Burton on 460 and John Martin on 297. Our thanks to all candidates for nominating. Darryl's contact details are on the community website and do remember, unless our Councillors hear from us regarding issues, they cannot help.

Development: The TLG meeting heard that Port Bouvard are proposing workshops on the Toodyay Road commercial area and also to address the issue of mix of density - dates to be announced. Port Bouvard had met with WAPC and given 15 minute presentation. Issues waste water treatment and provision of infrastructure still being worked through. Some concern was raised as to how representative of the community the TLG is as few of the members report back as the GPA does to their members. Meetings will now be at two monthly meetings. The long awaited Legend for the Masterplan has now been released – copies on the website and on notice board in townsite. It is felt that this “Legend” is not very informative.

The City at their Council meeting of 14th October confirmed their development priorities. This was in response to a request from the WAPC. It is quite clear that neither State nor Local government are prepared to provide infrastructure for Gidgegannup. All provision of such will be the responsibility of the Developer. The WAPC has resolved that decisions relating to any rezoning of land to Urban or Urban deferred in Bullsbrook, Gidgegannup and Upper Swan will be made in the context of the Urban Development Program, the Urban Growth management Plans and Structure Plans for the North Eastern Sub Region – these plans will be subject to public comment.

The GPA are forwarding a submission regarding Development Assessment Panels – we feel strongly that this is disenfranchising the community and adding another level of bureaucracy and associated expenses which will be born by the taxpayer..

EMRC: The EMRC Project team made a presentation to the meeting regarding the Resource Recovery Facility. It appears that a technology has not, as yet, been selected, but the meeting was strongly in favour of Anaerobic Digestion. We were also assured that proper and full public consultation will take place. A representative from the City was also present to seek our views on future waste collection and recycling in Gidgegannup. It was agreed that the wider community would need to be consulted.

Jean Wild Bushland Park: Signs for this have now been erected.

Peter Brock Car Park: It appears that there are plans to enlarge this car park. Local residents have complained of the nuisance of large gatherings of motorbikes at the weekend. Using the area as a public toilet, drinking and hoon behaviour and the fire risk are cited as grounds to, in fact, close this car park down and certainly not enlarge it. It is felt that funds used on this could be used for the benefit of the City of Swan ratepayers rather than to add further to what is now a substantial nuisance to residents.

Seniors Fuel Card: BoralA well attended meeting was held on 12th October and our MLA, Frank Alban, is pursuing the matter. He would welcome emails or letters of support for this Fuel Card.

If you wish for more information please attend our meetings and become a member.